SENATE BILL 159

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 28, relative to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 28, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 66-28-306.

Upon a written rental agreement signed by two (2) or more tenants, such tenants may make payment of rent, and the landlord shall accept, either:

- (1) A single rental payment from all tenants that totals the rent amount specified in the rental agreement; or
- (2) Separate rental payments from each tenant, in the form of multiple checks, money orders or similar means, when such separate rental payments total the rent amount specified in the rental agreement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.